

The Board of County Commissioners Of Riley County, Kansas

The Regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners met at the Riley County Plaza East Building February 28, 2002 with the following members present: Bob Newsome, Chairman; Alvan Johnson, Vice Chairman; Russ Frey, Member; and Cindy Kabriels sitting in for Rich Vargo, County Clerk.

8:30 Public Comment

Hjerda McAllister, Administrative Assistant; and Ed Grabianowski, Manhattan Mercury, attended.

Johnson moved to approve the minutes of February 25, 2002 as amended. Frey seconded. Carried 3 - 0.

Frey moved to sign the letter to the Law Board relative to the Riley County Police Department expenditures as presented by Commissioner Johnson. Newsome seconded. Carried 3 - 0.

Johnson moved to sign a letter to the U.S. Census Bureau requesting a review of a large student housing area for Kansas State University in Riley County, Kansas. Frey seconded. Carried 3 - 0.

9:00 Business Meeting

Ed Grabianowski, Manhattan Mercury; and Monty Wedel, Director of Planning and Development, attended.

Johnson moved to approve the Heritage Trust Fund Grant Application for the Carnegie Building in the amount of \$90,000.00. Frey seconded. Carried 3 - 0.

Frey moved to approve the Federal Emergency Management Agency Financial Status Report for the Cooperating Technical Program (CTP). Johnson seconded. Carried 3 - 0.

The Board of County Commissioners signed a Riley County Personnel Request to Fill Position Form for a Custodial Worker, in the Public Works/Custodian Department, at a grade 4.

The Board of County Commissioners signed Riley County Personnel Action Forms for the following:

- Samuel Allbritton, Juvenile Surveillance Officer, in the Community Corrections Department, for Separation from County Service, effective February 27, 2002.
- Dean A. Dunn, anew hire, as a Juvenile Surveillance Officer, in the Community Corrections Department, at a grade 9 step 1, at \$14.19 per hour.

Frey moved to accept the low bid from Christner Salvage & Recycling of Herington, Kansas for the sale of white goods in the amount of \$2.00 per ton and freon removal in the amount of \$4.00 each for the Riley County Transfer Station. Johnson seconded. Carried 3 - 0.

Press Conference items for March 4, 2002:

1. Rod Meredith – snow removal
2. Monty Wedel
 - a. Heritage Trust proposal
 - b. Recycling
 - c. Rural hauling
3. Alan Ladd – Flint Hill Expo

9:30 Terry Holdren, Assistant County Attorney and Jennifer Trombla, Teen Court Coordinator

Ed Grabianowski, Manhattan Mercury, attended.

Holdren and Tromblay discussed the educational process of the Truancy Monitor.

Holdren said the program addresses students that meet the statutory definition of truant.

Holdren said 155 families have been referred by the school to the Truancy Monitor Program.

Holdren said 85% of students referred to the Truancy Monitor Program have improved their attendance.

9:50 Janet Dean, Human Resources Coordinator

Ed Grabianowski, Manhattan Mercury, attended.

De and discussed the policy on severe weather and emergency closures.

Frey moved to approve Resolution No. 02 2802-24 adopting procedures for severe weather and emergency closure of facilities. Johnson seconded. Carried 3 -0.

The commissioners requested for Janet Deanto e-mail Department Head to remind them if an emergency closure is announced, non-emergency staff is not to report to work and if they do, they should be asked to return home.

10:02 Bob Isaac, Planning and Development –Public Hearing for plat and rezone for Scott Howe

Larry Johnson attended.

10:02 Newsome opened the hearing.

Isaac discussed the request from Scott Howe to rezone a tract of land from "G -1" (General Agricultural) to "C -4" (Highway Business) and plat the property into one lot.

10:08 Newsome closed the hearing.

Johnson moved to place on the business meeting agenda March 4, 2002, action on the request from Scott Howetore zone the property from "G -1" (General Agricultural) to "C -4" (Highway Business) plat the property into one lot, and accept any easements, rights -of-way or licenses, as shown on the final plat. Frey seconded. Carried 3-0.

The Board of County Commissioners have approved and signed Escapes and Abates for December, January and February, tax year 2001.

10:30 Rich Vargo, Jolene Campbell, Stan Morgan and John Cowan

Ed Grabianowski, Manhattan Mercury; and Charlie Hostetler, attended.

Vargo, Morgan, Campbell and Cowan discussed commissioners redistricting.

Vargo stated the current breakdown by commission district is as follows:

Commission District #1 -15,117, Commission District #2 -26,343 and Commission District #3 -21,383.

Vargo said the ideal population per commission district is 20,948.

Campbell and Cowan reviewed how the process will work on the Geographical Information Systems (GIS).

11:30 Budget Committee -Dan Harden, Eileen King, Stan Morgan and Rich Vargo

Jan Kruh, League of Women Voters, attended.

The Budget Committee reviewed the estimated 2001 Carryover into 2002.

Frey moved to approve the following warrant vouchers for February 28, 2002:

2001 Budget :

County General	\$49,700.49
Solid Waste	185.00

TOTAL.... ..	\$49,885.49
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Johnson seconded. Carried 3 -0.

1:15 Stan Morgan, Counselor/Director of Administrative Services

• **Administrative Work Session**

Jan Kruh, League of Women Voters, attended.

Morgan reported Mercy Hospital will give Riley County a 30% reduction on the McCay medical bills.

Morgan said he has redrafted the lease with the Health Department on the Wharton Manor Facility.

Morgan said he has redrafted a lease on land Riley County is leasing to store rock.

Morgan updated the commission on the web site development.

1:30 Johnson moved to adjourn. Frey seconded. Carried 3 -0.